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Title : Need to bring all the districts of Arunachal Pradesh under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme.

SHRI KIREN RIJIJU (ARUNACHAL WEST): The National Rural Employment Gaurantee Act enacted by the Parliament is laudable Legislation. But the actual benefit will be reaped by the poor people only if it is implemented properly and expeditiously.

The native population of Arunachal Pradesh is around 6.5 lakh out of which the rural population is around 4 lakh only though it is largest state in the North-East. The average rural population in each district is around 25 thousand that makes the entire rural population of the State far lesser than a small district of plain area states. This is due to very difficult topographic terrains and high raise mountains.

In these circumstances the whole state of Arunachal Pradesh has to be treated as a single unit for the purpose. It is distressful to find that district like East Kameng and Kurung Kumey, the most backward districts in the Country are not getting the benefits of this scheme which is enacted for this very purpose. This is a gross injustice to the state and people of the areas.

I would like to urge the Hon'ble Prime Minister to include all the sixteen districts of Arunachal Pradesh whose total rural population is mere 4 lakh only, under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme immediately.